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LIBYA

1. U.S. CUSTOMS REP PARIS HAS OBTAINED INFORMATION THAT 30,000 155MM AND 175MM ARTILLERY SHELLS, MANUFACTURED IN ITALY UNDER U.S. LICENSE BY THE FIRM "OTTO MELARA" OR POSSIBLY BY A SUB-CONTRACTOR, "SIMMEL" OF TREVISO, ITALY, HAVE BEEN DIVERTED TO LIBYA. SHELLS WERE APPROVED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR EXPORT TO SPAIN TO FIRM ATLANTICO, S.A., MADRID, FOR ULTIMATE SALE TO SPANISH ARMY. INSTEAD SHELLS SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO LIBYA.

SPANISH TRANSACTION WAS ALLEGEDLY HANDLED BY PANAMANIAN ARMAMENTS COMPANY IN MADRID. ACCORDING TO CUSTOMS REP, SHELLS WERE ABLE TO BE EXPORTED DIRECTLY TO LIBYA INSTEAD OF SPAIN BECAUSE THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT REQUIRE LANDING CERTIFICATES FOR THESE EXPORTS OF MUNITIONS.

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2. CUSTOMS REP PARIS HAS INFORMATION THAT IN 1975 GEORGES STARCKMANN CONTRACTED WITH THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT FOR 155MM AND 175MM SELF-PROPELLED CANNON AND AMMUNITION.

3. FYI: FRENCH PRESS REPORTS (LE MONDE OF

25 DECEMBER 1976) STARCKMANN HAS FINANCIAL INTEREST IN
"ATLANTICO S.A.," 29 VILLANEVA, MADRID, OSTENSIBLE
DESTINATION FOR ARTILLERY SHELLS.
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